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and, if applicable, a schedule to achieve that compliance. So basically those things are what I'm asking for in the amendment; that the company take...demonstrate, just demonstrate, good faith and responsibility. That, to me, doesn't seem to be too much to ask. We're granting these rights, additional benefits to a company, and it seems only fair that in exchange for those benefits that we ask them to at least disclose to the regulating entity...I'm not talking even about public disclosure, that isn't being affected, but to disclose to DEQ that they have a description of the possible violations, the date of that discovery, and what they're doing to correct it. Since part of the bill, the legislation, is to seek compliance and to seek remediation, then it seems logical to me...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...that we at least have some kind of plan developed so that that plan then can be implemented and we can get some actual cleanup if there is a violation, whatever that is, to the environmental integrity. So that I wanted to make clear because we have talked about and I have certainly been responsible for getting a little off the amendments myself and the discussion. I'm grateful that the issues are raised, but the amendment itself is not dealing with the issue of the public employees and their, in some instances, being criminalized and the fines and the litigation fees that they would have to pay as a result of that. With that, I will conclude my opportunity and thank Senator Schimek for yielding the time to me.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Preister. Before we proceed, I would like to announce that I have guests in the north...under the north balcony. Bob and LaDonna Heider from Hebron, Nebraska, and Max and Gladys Degenhardt, also from Hebron. And I would share with you that these are long time friends of mine, all four of whom consider themselves to be better bridge players than I. So would you please rise and let us welcome you to the Chamber. With that, Senator Preister, there are no other lights on. Would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I would like to close, but I am going to have to get a call of the house if